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## Ball and Bowl.

Arrangements are now being made which may lead to a debate between our old time rival, the University of Georgia, and this College. It is to be hoped that this may be perfected and that Auburn may have the opportunity of facing Georgia upon the rostrum, as well as upon the gridiron and diamond.

There will be a game of base ball between the teams of the two Colleges, which will be played in Atlanta sometime between this and next June. It is the desire of the literary societies of this College to have the debate and ball game to come off together, the debate to come on the night previous to the day upon which the game of ball is to be played. This would excite more interest and enable those interested in college contests to witness both.

A letter has been written from our societies to the literary societies of the University of Georgia, but owing to the annual celebration of the societies of the University of Georgia coming on 19th and 22d, they were not able to come to any conclusion in regard to the matter, but notify us that they will take further proceedings at their next meeting, March 6th, after which they will notify us as to what steps they intend to take. As yet no challenge has passed from either College, but it is hoped that all necessary arrangements may be made within the next few weeks.

Put Yourselves in Our Place.

As ye hope for mercy at the last great day, be ye also merciful unto us. Ye who would preach, pray, sing and speak over and to us at our next commencement, remember the days when you were college students and were forced to sit under the lash of discipline and listen to the harangue of long-winded orators, be influenced by those past recollections and constrain yourselves to be merciful to those whom you may have in your power. Remember the old adage, "Brevity is the soul of wit," and know ye that college students are fond of wit, and have not often the opportunity of indulging in it on such occasions. We are long-suffering and patient, but remember ye that even a worm will turn, and that the patience of a Job would become frazzled after having experienced three commencements, and having learned in the first that such expressions as, "In conclusion," "Just one more word," and "A moment, and I am done," mean that we must still endure "yet a few more hours" before the reverberating sound of your voices shall cease to strike against the walls.

## Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The Young Men's Christian Association will be able, within about two weeks, to enter its new room. That we may be able to do more effectual work, we hope to fit up this room with organ, carpet, chairs, tables, book-cases, etc., and to this end we are bending every effort to raise the \$200 that will be required. Our Canvassing Committee have thus far met with great success, having raised about \$100 from the faculty, almost all of whom seem unusually glad to contribute to this permanent and deserving enterprise. For years this organization has been the only one in College that has had no home, while its work in elevating the general moral tone, in throwing protection around the greatly-tempted new student, in drawing out and developing Christian manhood, in saving from sin and ruin our mothers' boys, has been recognized and appreciated by all who are acquainted with our College. It is the only student religious organization in our College, and, as such, should have the sympathy, prayers and support of every Christian student in College, as well as every friend of religion and of the true welfare of our College. While the town churches have been able to reach only two students of this College for Christ in the last four years, the College Young Men's Christian Association has been, within the last two years, instrumental in leading about sixty-five to accept Christ. This is not because the pastors and churches here lack interest in the welfare of the students, but it proves that it must be through the effort of the Christian student that his fellows are saved from sin and developed in the Christian life. Therefore, we appeal to all who acknowledge Jesus as Lord, that they may give us their hearty support—in sympathy, in prayers, in means—that we may be equipped for successful work, as an Association, among our fellow-students. We believe all such help will be appreciated by us and rewarded by our Master.

All those connected with the A. & M. College, as well as its friends and patrons, are very grateful to Hon. P. B. Barnes, the able representative from Lee county, for his valiant and disinterested work in standing up for the interests of the institution when they were threatened by hostile legislation. His services are highly appreciated by his Auburn friends, and they will not forget what he has done for them.

Cadet (teaching pupil Sunday School lesson): "Who made you?" Pupil: "Don't know." Cadet: "—, you ought to know."

## A Visit.

Mr. L. E. Buell, State Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Alabama and Mississippi, paid us a short visit Thursday and Friday. He is on his first tour among the Associations of the State, having entered upon his work the first of last January. After roll call Thursday afternoon he made a very impressive talk to our Association here on the importance of the personal work of Christian students among their fellows. He also spoke of the exceptional opportunity we have this year in the South of attending our International Convention, which is to be held in Mobile, April 21-25, this year. We were urged to have a large delegation there, as it means much in the life of the Association during the next few months and during next year. Mr. Buell comes to us from Springfield, Mo., where he was General Secretary of the City Association. Having had much experience in Association work, and being a fine Bible student, we may safely predict for him great success in true, deep, abiding work among us.

Gymnasium Exhibition.

The exhibition given by the gymnasium team, last Friday evening, was quite a success, and Mr. B. L. Scott deserves much credit for the excellent manner in which it was gotten up and conducted. All of the members proved themselves to be quite proficient gymnasts, and showed that their work had been careful and earnest. The team fully merits the many compliments that have been given on their work, and we hope to be entertained by them again in the near future.

The program consisted of tumbling, boxing, bars, ladders, rings, high kicking, high jumping, music, etc. Every number was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

The members of the team who so ably entertained us were: Capt. Scott, Mason, Jenkins, Glenn, Tutwiler, Chapman, Rush, Bingham, Wills, Finn and Frazier.

The following cadets took advantage of the holiday on Feb. 22d, going home Friday and remaining over until Tuesday: Green, A. W.; Patrick; Rutland, T. E.; Moreland, Dorsey, Rutland, J. R.; Ingram, Peabody, Hightower, McQueen, Gilder, Bruce, McIntyre, Farley, F. E.; Farley, F.; Woodruff, Fleming, Glover, Clower, Thomas, Marcrum and Stewart, W. I.

Sham fights are the order of the day now. The first one somewhat disappointed some blood-thirsty Seniors, as several Juniors have found out to their sorrow. Moral: Don't trust Seniors.

## Oratorical Contest.

The annual oratorical contest between the Wirt and Websterian Societies took place in Langdon Hall on Monday night, Feb. 22. The Wirt Society was represented by Mr. J. B. Shivers, whose subject was, "The Evening of the Nineteenth Century," and Mr. G. E. Mason, on "Whom Shall We Honor?" For the Websterian Society Mr. W. B. Beeson spoke on "Our Duty to Armenia," and J. W. King on "Gradual Development of Character." Mr. G. E. Mason, of the Wirt Society, came off victor, and was presented with a lovely gold medal from the two societies.

Each of the contestants did great credit to himself as well as to the societies they represented, for all did their best, and no one could ask more of them. These contests are very beneficial to those taking part, for not only do they give one self-control while speaking in public, but also teach him how to write an oration, for surely all of these were written by the men speaking them, or else they would not enter an oratorical contest for a medal, speaking some other man's productions.

It is a lamentable fact, that of three hundred and sixty students of this college, less than a hundred have subscribed for, and a still smaller number paid for, the college paper. We venture to say that there isn't another college in the United States where a similar state of affairs exists. It is the duty of every student to support the college paper, and not depend on borrowing some one else's paper, for if less than a hundred students take the paper, there is no doubt but that all of them read it. They borrow their neighbor's paper, their room mate's paper or try to beg one from the editors. Now in this manner they save in one year the sum of one dollar, and still get to read the college paper, which they undertake to criticize, as if they were Henry Wattersons or Clark Howells, or perhaps something better than these. No one knows how to run a paper as well as they do, and if they were running it, what a fine paper they would have! Now, we are sick and tired of all this criticism, which comes for the most part from the "dead-heads," and we take this opportunity to announce the fact to the "dead-heads" that for one dollar each, paid to the business manager for one subscription each to the ORANGE AND BLUE, they may criticize to their hearts' content. Please do so or keep quiet.

Harvard has 41 applicants for her baseball team.

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BOARD OF EDITORS.

Several young ladies joined the Websterian Society a few weeks ago, and have been regular attendants since their initiation. To those that have not yet joined is extended a cordial invitation to join one of the two societies. If they do not care to join they are invited to come up to the meetings as visitors. After they visit the hall once, and hear the eloquent speeches by the boys and the most interesting essays read by the young lady members, they will doubtless want to have their names enrolled as members and be allowed the great pleasure and profit that the members are now enjoying.

In the Sunday issues of the Atlanta Constitution there appears a column headed "Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletics," edited by Mr. Harmon Orme Cox, of Atlanta.

Mr. Cox is an able writer, who is well up on Athletics, and we feel sure that this part of that great paper will prove unusually interesting, not only to all College men, but also to those who still remember their College days.

A large number of gifts were made for educational purposes last year by persons whose names were withheld. By these unknown philanthropists \$750,000 was given to Yale, \$400,000 to Princeton, and \$100,000 to Harvard. The sum total of all such gifts in the country at large aggregated \$1,410,000.—*Ex.*

Messrs. W. T. Warren, N. J. Wiley and B. H. McQueen were at home on Feb. 20th and 21st. They formed a gallant escort for the young ladies from Montgomery who came over to be present at the Senior Class German.

Prospects for a ball team at Virginia seem brighter than ever before. They have a number of star players from whom they expect wonders.



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In Germany one man in 213 goes to College; in Scotland one in 520; in the United States one in 2,000; in England one in 5,000.—*Ex.*

Went to see the football game, Thought that I could play the same; So in haste, I joined the eleven—I am writing this from Heaven.—*Ex.*

Hon. W. J. Bryan will deliver an address before the Washington and Jefferson Literary Societies of the University of Virginia. His subject will be, "Thomas Jefferson Still Lives."

There are in the United States forty State Universities, which were attended, in 196, by 32,000 students, which is a little under one-fifth of the College students in America. Minnesota heads the list with 3,000. Michigan has 2,500; California 2,400, and Wisconsin 1,400. Tuition varies from \$60, in North Carolina, to \$9, in South Dakota.—*Ex.*

## SHAKESPEARE CLUB

Delightfully Entertained With An Able Paper by Dr. C. H. Ross.

The Shakespeare Club held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon at the residence of Capt. J. H. Erwin, on South Railroad avenue. The meeting will be a memorable one to the members of the club because there was added to the usual interest of the club a very able and interesting paper by Dr. C. H. Ross, of the A. & M. College. The study for this week was the play of Richard the Third, and Dr. Ross' paper was on the character from which the play is named. We could not in a synopsis of the article do anything like justice, for it was prepared with much care and would be incomplete were a single word omitted. Suffice it to say that it was very greatly enjoyed by every member of the club, as was clearly shown by the hearty applause that followed the reading. It is very much hoped that Dr. Ross may again visit the club and read before them.

After the reading the ladies' quartette—Misses Maggie Erwin, Carrie Samford, Susie and Mattie Greene—sang several selections that were received with pronounced enthusiasm. This quartette is indeed a credit to Opelika. Misses Mattie and Susie Greene sang a duet that was equally well received and provoked enthusiastic applause. Refreshments were then served and the meeting became a social gathering of great pleasure to all the members and visitors. An hour thus spent is a delightful oasis in the humdrum life of an editor, and we hope to have the honor and the pleasure of another visit to the meeting of the club.—*Opelika Post.*

### A Plea.

The interest that has been brought about in the two literary societies within the past few weeks is indeed remarkable. Every Saturday night both halls are well filled by those cadets who have their own benefits as well as the interest of the College at heart.

As a recent initiate into one of these societies, I feel that I can truthfully say the greatest mistake I have made during my three years of College life is that of not having before connected myself with one of these organizations. And there are others of you, boys, who will learn when it is too late that this was a golden opportunity that you knowingly neglected.

Why not join one of the societies? You have no excuse. There is not a man in College who could not devote a couple of hours each Saturday night to the upbuilding of that element of his make-up that is necessary to fit him for the responsible duties he will soon have to assume. You say that it is impossible for you to make a speech? And so it is with all of us. But when will you learn, and what are you here for, if not to train yourselves to do these things that are

difficult and seemingly impossible?

This is the day of organization. All professions have their bands of union that yearly assemble to consult for their own good, and the man who cannot express his thoughts at such gatherings must forever remain at the foot of the ladder, while those who arise and publicly express their opinions are the ones to rule and hold high positions in their professions.

Boys, once more I beg you for your own personal good to come out and help build up that line of work which has been so long neglected. You will find that not only will you be performing that duty which devolves upon each of you, but you will also derive untold benefits from it, as well as great pleasure.

And now permit me to say one word to the societies. We are organized for the purpose of benefiting ourselves, so why not derive the greatest possible benefits? Our debates are indeed interesting, but there is too little time given to their preparation. I dare say that only an exceedingly small per cent. of the members make the least preparation, merely speaking from their past knowledge of the subjects. How can this be remedied? I offer this suggestion: Let's now and forever, once for all, throw away all such old subjects as "The pen and the sword," etc., and turn our attention to something new; for only in this way will we be able to make our members read and prepare themselves for their contests. Make one trial of it and see if everyone will not say that it is the only way to avail themselves of the greatest benefits.

"A WEB."

### Reports of Harvard University.

For the second time Radcliffe College figures on an equal footing with other departments of the University in these reports, and is referred to by President Eliot in his summary. Only eight of its thirty-one students who received the A. B. degree at the last commencement took it plain, without distinction. "The proportion of distinguished students," adds President Eliot, "was therefore much higher than in Harvard College, the examinations being precisely alike for the students of the two institutions." This would imply, perhaps, not greater ability, but greater seriousness and application, in the young women. We suppose there can be no doubt that they are really more mature, sex apart, and less childish than their male competitors, football and other manly sports to the contrary, notwithstanding. The independent annual reports of Radcliffe College show that the men must look to their laurels in scientific and historical investigation.—*The Nation.*

At a recent meeting of the Kansas College presidents it was decided that football would not be played by any denominational College in Kansas.

On Friday evening, Feb. 19th, the local Chapter of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity was entertained at the hospitable country home of Mr. R. C. Spratling, of Gold Hill, the occasion being the wedding reception of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Bledsoe.

The Phis drove over in the afternoon and "didn't get home till morning."

On arriving at Gold Hill our host sat us down to a table loaded with all manner of good things. While "Sprat" believes that "small cheer and great welcome make a merry frost," he also thinks that "great cheer and great welcome" make a merrier.

In the evening music and dancing and moonlit tete-a-tetes too quickly brought the time for leaving. The Phis present will long look back to the occasion with pleasant recollections.

"Sprat" makes a jolly good host, and his sister, Miss Corinne, a charming hostess. It is enough to say that here the good old ante-bellum hospitality is still in vogue.

Yale and Harvard have at last effected a complete athletic reconciliation, and, as in years gone by, will compete with each other for supremacy in all departments of amateur sport. This feat was accomplished through the alumni of both institutions. One immediate result of their getting together will probably be a quintangular boat race between Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Pennsylvania and Columbia on the Poughkeepsie course in June. Hereafter, according to the treaty, all athletic contests between Harvard and Yale shall take place on College grounds.—*M. S. V. Independent.*

Last year when the class of '97 decided to get out an annual this year for the first time in the history of the College, editors were chosen who, it was supposed, would appreciate the honor done them, and in return would do their duty, at least by working for the annual. But the fact is, that the most of the editors of the "Glomerata" are getting all the glory and doing none of the work. If they do not intend to work, it is nothing but just that they should retire and give place to others who will work.

The editor-in-chief of the *Lantern*, the College paper of Ohio State University, has been expelled from the University for censuring members of the faculty for non-attendance at chapel exercises. There is to be a strong effort made to have him reinstated.—*Ex.*

Messrs. A. L. Alexander, '96, and T. R. Hardaway, formerly of the class of '97, spent a couple of days with friends here last week. They were among the honored guests at the Senior Class German.

Yale is to receive about \$500,000 from the estate of William Lampson, a banker of Leroy, N. Y., who died a few days since.

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"Through books our world becomes as a bud from the bower of God's beauty, the sky as a bubble on the sea of His power." And with Mrs. Browning we must say: "No child can be called fatherless who has God and his mother; no youth can be called friendless who has God and the companionship of good books." The evenings of one week with "Gray or Allen" will tell us how the trees live and breathe and wax great; how the lily sucks whiteness out of the slough, and how the red rose untwists the sunbeam and pulls out the scarlet thread. And the evenings of another week with Ball or Proctor or Langley will exhibit the sun pulling the harvests out of our planet, even as the blazing log pulls the juices out of the apples roasting before the hot coals. "But apart from and above all others is the Book, the Bible. Alone it has civilized whole na-

tions. It is the one book that can fully lead forth the richest and deepest and sweetest things in man's nature. Read all other books, philosophy, poetry, history, fiction; but if you would refine the judgment, fertilize the reason, wing the imagination, attain unto the sturdiest manhood, read this Book reverently and prayerfully, until its truths have dissolved like iron into the blood. Read, indeed, the hundred great books. If you have no time, make time and read. Read as toil the slaves in Golconda, casting away the rubbish and keeping the gems. Read to transmute facts into life, but read daily the Book of conduct and character, the Bible. For the book Walter Scott and Daniel Webster placed under the pillow when dying, is the book all should carry in the hand while living."

#### Senior Class Celebration.

Probably the most interesting event in a Senior's life, with the exception of the moment when he steps up to receive his "dip," is his class celebration, which takes place on the 22d of February.

The members of the Senior Class have been looking forward to these exercises with a great deal of interest, and some of them with much uneasiness, for fear that the historian or prophet might expose them. So on Monday morning, despite the fact that the weather was very inclement, the College chapel was well crowded long before the hour appointed for the exercises.

After a prayer by Dr. Rush, the Class President, Mr. E. B. Joseph, Jr., made a short address and introduced Mr. F. L. Tate, the class orator. Mr. Tate, in his usual charming style, held the audience spell-bound with his eloquence, and his oration, entitled "Get There," was one of the best ever delivered in the chapel.

Mr. W. R. McLearn, the class poet, entertained the audience with a poem that would have done credit to a Longfellow or a Wordsworth.

The class history cannot be too highly spoken of, and, considering the limited time, the class historian, Mr. W. H. McBryde, deserves great credit.

Mr. J. B. Hobdy's prophecy surpassed expectations. He kept the audience roaring most of the time, and many were the sickly grins and crimson blushes exhibited by the members of the Senior Class, as he pictured them as they would appear twenty years hence.

The programme was concluded with the class song.

The exercises were a decided success, and '97 is to be congratulated.

Three battalion drills a week. This means that when the Inspector comes around this year he will find our battalion in excellent condition. If not, then it will not be Col. Hollis' fault, for he is certainly exerting every effort to make a creditable showing at the annual inspection.

From the Officer of the Day's report, the Junior Class "bluff fight" was not quite so great a joke as first thought.

#### The Senior German.

On the night of February 22d, after the exercises, the Senior Class German Club gave one of their swell Germans. It was decidedly the social event of the season, and long will it be remembered by all those that were fortunate enough to attend.

The music was rendered by Rose's Italian band, and the decorations were simply grand.

Capt. J. B. Hobdy led the German with Miss Pauline Hannon, of Montgomery.

The following couples participated: Miss Kate Lane and Mr. E. S. Casey, Miss Lottie Lane and Mr. E. B. Joseph, Jr., Miss Bessie Brown and Mr. N. J. Wiley, Miss Margaret Kinniar and Mr. P. M. McIntyre, Miss Juliet Hooper and Mr. Hunt, Miss Helen Dozier and Mr. F. W. Vanness, Miss Clara Tennille and Mr. George Wrigley, Miss Mattie Bibb and Mr. W. H. Negus, Miss Tallulah Gachet and Mr. B. L. Scott, Miss Belle Clements and Mr. B. O. Minge, Miss Hattie Stubbs and Mr. A. C. Vandiver, Miss Elinor Vass and Mr. S. Toomer, Miss Patti Preer and Mr. W. M. Williams, Miss Sallie Ware and Mr. J. S. Paden, Miss Essie Scott and Mr. F. B. Chapman, Miss May Baker and Mr. F. L. Tate, Miss Eugenia Baker and Mr. G. Greil, Miss Lula Moore and Mr. Boykin, Miss Maud Dickinson and Mr. C. J. Nelson, Miss Averett and Mr. C. W. Stewart, Miss Willie Nixon and Mr. W. K. Armstrong, Miss Bam Brown and Mr. W. A. Hood.

The stags were Messrs. Warren, Hölley, Vines, Holcombe, Hutchinson, McQueen and Meminger.

The chaperones were Mesdames Hollis, McKissick, Petrie, Dozier and Baker.

In a joint debate between the two societies in the Websterian Hall, after a very eloquent speech by a Websterian, a member of the Wirt wanted to know of the President what side of the subject did his honorable opponent represent.

Yale gets \$500,000 from the estate of the late William Lampson. Of this, \$150,000 will be used for the erection of an auditorium; the remainder will be applied to the endowment of professorships in Greek, Latin and English Literature.

On Feb. 23d, the University of Texas received a gift of 25,000 volumes for the library from Mr. Swante Palm, a prominent Swedish citizen of Austin, Tex. The University library now numbers 40,000 volumes.

Since November, over 100,000 copies of "Sentimental Tommy" and "Margaret Ogilvy," J. M. Barrie's new books, have been sold in England and the United States.

Messrs. W. H. Negus and C. J. Nelson went to Montgomery last Friday on business for the "Glomerata." The report that "their business" was neglected is entirely a mistake.

#### The McKinley Cabinet.

According to the latest reports the cabinet appointed by President McKinley is as follows:

Secretary of State—Sherman, of Ohio.

Secretary of the Treasury—Gage, of Illinois.

Secretary of War—Alger, of Michigan.

Secretary of the Navy—Long, of Massachusetts.

Secretary of the Interior—McKenna, of California.

Attorney-General—McCook, of New York.

Postmaster-General—Gary, of Maryland.

Secretary of Agriculture—Wilson, of Iowa.

A bill for the suppression of female fools has been introduced in the Minnesota Legislature. It provides that women or men who send flowers and candy and angel cake and plush-bound copies of Keats to wife-murderers or thugs shall be punished by fine or imprisonment, unless the wife-murderer or thug be a near relation, in which case it isn't apt to happen. The bill was well meant, but it will fail. If it doesn't, it ought to. It's unconstitutional. The privilege of making a fool of yourself is a divine right, just like the divine right of kings.—*Chicago Journal.*

President Patton, of Princeton, delivered the annual address at the Commemoration Day exercises of Johns-Hopkins University on Feb. 22.

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For the last month the Society Hall has been full at each meeting, and there were not enough chairs to accommodate the whole crowd. In order to supply the hall with a sufficient number of chairs for its members and visitors, the Websterian Society may ask the Wirts to accommodate them. If the Wirts are not prejudiced they can easily do this, since the greater number of their chairs are unoccupied every Saturday night. The Wirts Society can boast of winning every contest during the last two years, but when one asks them about their Saturday night meetings they can say no more, and wish that they had not broached the subject. The Websterian Society cannot boast of winning the honors in the contest, but she can boast of the successful work done in her own hall by each and every one of her members. It would be well to inform the world that the members of the Websterian Society, as a general rule, did not join for the sake of "spoils," but for the good derived from its meetings; and the members that represent them in the contests are selected on their interest taken in the society, faithful attendance, and their power of speech and writing their own speeches.

### Our New Trustees.

In the re-appointment of Col. J. G. Gilchrist as trustee of the Polytechnic from the Second District, and the appointment of Mr. Tancred Betts from the Eighth District, and Rev. W. C. Whitaker from the Sixth District, Gov. Johnston has given great satisfaction to the alumni and friends of the College. Both the new appointees are young men of ability and culture. Mr. Betts is a graduate of the State University, and is now a leading lawyer of Huntsville. Rev. Mr. Whitaker is a graduate of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, in the class of 1884. He taught for several years after leaving College, afterwards entering the Episcopal ministry. He has been rector of churches at Auburn and Montgomery, and he is now rector of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa. He occupies a prominent position among the Episcopal clergy of Alabama. His appointment is especially gratifying to our alumni, and they will hold Gov. Johnston in grateful remembrance for it.

Postmaster-General Wilson has accepted the presidency of Washington-Lee University.

### Prof. Thach's Lecture.

At 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Feb. 14th, Prof. Thach delivered his lecture on "The Bible" to quite a large audience, composed chiefly of students and members of the faculty. We may be sure that all who were present were well entertained and greatly benefited by the stirring words on the importance and benefit of Bible study to the Christian's life, and on the pleasure of it to all who study it as a literary production. We were struck by something of the profound and almost universal ignorance of the Book which has furnished principles for our code of laws, rule of life, and which has done so much to promote education, elevate humanity, and sweeten domestic life. We will all be glad to hear another lecture upon the same subject, for we feel that this old Book should not be so neglected by the great masses of students when its study has done so much for many of our greatest men in all departments of life. Mr. John Sharp, "one of the best and most esteemed prelates that ever sat upon the English bench," said once: "The Bible and Shakespeare have made me Archbishop of York." And when we remember that Shakespeare was so great a student and lover of the Bible that he quotes from fifty-four of its sixty-six books, and in every play of his thirty-seven he has one or more direct quotations from the Bible, or makes allusions to some Bible incident, we must conclude that the Bible did most to make Mr. Sharp Archbishop.

Again, Lord Chancellor Cairns, of the Exchequer, said late in life: "Any success I may have had in life is due to the fact that the first two hours of every day have been put into the study of the Word of God and prayer."

### Our Coach.

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